

Senate File 90 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to assisted living programs.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 231C.1, subsection 2, unnumbered
2 paragraph 1, Code 2013, is amended to read as follows:

3 The purposes of ~~establishing an~~ regulating assisted living
4 ~~program~~ programs include all of the following:

5 Sec. 2. Section 231C.2, subsection 2, Code 2013, is amended
6 to read as follows:

7 2. "*Assisted living*" means provision of housing
8 with services which may include but are not limited to
9 health-related care, personal care, and assistance with
10 instrumental activities of daily living to three or more
11 tenants in a physical structure which provides a homelike
12 environment. "*Assisted living*" also includes encouragement
13 of family involvement, tenant self-direction, and tenant
14 participation in decisions that emphasize choice, dignity,
15 privacy, individuality, shared risk, and independence.
16 "*Assisted living*" includes the provision of housing and
17 assistance with instrumental activities of daily living only
18 if personal care or health-related care is also included.
19 "*Assisted living*" includes access to on-site staff who are awake
20 twenty-four hours per day ~~response staff~~ to meet the tenant's
21 scheduled and unscheduled or unpredictable needs, commensurate
22 with the tenant's mental health, physical health, and cognitive
23 and functional status, in a manner that promotes maximum
24 dignity and independence and provides supervision, safety, and
25 security.

26 Sec. 3. Section 231C.3, subsection 1, Code 2013, is amended
27 by adding the following new paragraphs:

28 NEW PARAGRAPH. e. Requirements to ensure that the
29 nutritional needs of each tenant are met as reflected in the
30 tenant's service plan. The rules shall require a program, at a
31 minimum, to provide one hot meal per day to all tenants and up
32 to three meals per day if required by a tenant.

33 NEW PARAGRAPH. f. Provisions relating to employment
34 qualifications for a program manager.

35 (1) The rules shall require that a program manager employed

1 after July 1, 2013, comply with all of the following:

2 (a) Have, at a minimum, a combination of three years of
3 education and experience related to older individuals.

4 (b) Within six months of employment, complete a course of
5 instruction in assisted living program management for which
6 the curriculum includes at least six hours of state-specific
7 training related to assisted living program laws and rules.

8 (2) The rules shall provide that a program manager employed
9 prior to July 1, 2013, is not subject to the requirements
10 specified in subparagraph (1), subparagraph division (b),
11 if the individual demonstrates prior completion of similar
12 training.

13 EXPLANATION

14 This bill includes provisions relating to assisted living
15 programs regulated pursuant to Code chapter 231C.

16 The bill amends the definition of "assisted living" to
17 provide that assisted living includes access to on-site, awake
18 staff 24 hours per day to meet the tenant's needs, commensurate
19 with the tenant's physical health, mental health, and cognitive
20 and functional status.

21 Provisions relating to rules regulating assisted living
22 programs are amended to include requirements to ensure that the
23 nutritional needs of each tenant are met as reflected in the
24 tenant's service plan. The rules are to require a program, at
25 a minimum, to provide one hot meal per day to all tenants and up
26 to three meals per day if required by a tenant. The rules also
27 are to include provisions relating to employment qualifications
28 for a program manager including education, experience, and
29 training.